

**Quarterly Programs List
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The following stories and programs aired on **News Channel 8** that contributed to covering issues of importance in the community. The newscast airs seven nights a week (Monday – Friday 5-7Am, 12-1PM, and 5-6:30PM) and weekends (6-8am, 6pm & 11pm) on WTNH-TV. These stories range from thirty-ninety seconds.

"EVERY WOMAN" (Syndicated) 30 minutes

Every Woman is a magazine show featuring outstanding women who have excelled in business, education, entertainment, politics, humanities, and sports. The half-hour show generally runs on Fridays, at 4:00 a.m

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July 2008

1. Diversity

"Hamden KKK Door"

7/3

A Hamden man is speaking out...after finding racist graffiti near his home. A Hamden man, James Outlaw says he discovered the letters KKK on the road in front of his house.....Down the street, the letters D - O - C were also written.

"Irish Airport Closed"

7/9

The airport in Dublin could use the luck of the Irish to get out of a real jam.

"Puerto Rican Festival"

7/13

The food, the fun, the music all an part important part of Puerto Rican culture and its on display at a festival in Bridgeport today.

"Olympic Volunteers"

7/16

They're not just visiting, they're among a select group chosen from overseas

to volunteer for the Olympics.

"Yale Community Rowing Anniversary"

7/19

Beijing is relying on the help of thousands of volunteers from around the globe. Emily Chang has more on a group of U-S volunteers who are getting their first glimpse of the city.

2. Health

"Sunscreen Safety"

7/1

Topping health news, we all know sunscreen is supposed to protect you from the sun's rays, but not all of them do the trick.

"Tainted Tomatoes"

7/1

A top health official says he's frustrated that the salmonella outbreak... from tainted tomatoes has yet to be solved.

"Broccoli and Cancer"

7/2

A new study finds eating just one serving of broccoli a week may be enough to lower your cancer risk.

"Watermelon Viagra"

7/2

Is watermelon the new Viagra? Believe it or not, researchers in Texas say it could do the trick.

"New Jersey Bottle Confusion"

7/3

There's a health alert out this morning in New Jersey. Six people have gotten sick by mistaking lamp oil for apple juice... including one person who died.

"Lyme Disease"

7/4

It's the height of summer and that means its also prime time for Lyme Disease the debilitating infection spread by ticks.

"Pregnant Man Birth"

7/4

One man is finally a mom. Thomas Beatie a transgender man who was born a

woman legally switched genders, but kept his female reproductive organs intact.

"Haven Healthcare Scare"

7/4

The state turns to its back-up plan to save bankrupt nursing homes in Connecticut... and today, a bankruptcy court signed off on it.

"Charter Oak Application"

7/5

The call center has been open for a little more than two days, and already the Governor's Charter Oak Health Plan has received thousands of calls.

"Red Wine Benefits"

7/7

More good news for those who love red wine. Scientists say a compound found in red wine may ward off many signs of aging.

"Gardasil Probe"

7/7

A vaccine.. designed to prevent cervical cancer is being linked to a range of health problems.

"8 Year Olds and Lipitor"

7/7

Adults may not be the only ones who can benefit from drugs that fight 'high cholesterol'. A new study shows children as young as eight could prevent future heart problems by using the drugs.

"Stamford West Nile"

7/16

Mosquitoes in a third Connecticut community test positive for the West Nile Virus.

"Diabetes Clinical Trial"

7/17

A clinical study right here in Connecticut to help diabetic patients -- after severe infections.

"Tomatoes Safe to Eat"

7/18

The F-D-A says tomatoes are safe to eat again.

"Lupus Research"

7/19

There's word that doctors may be on the the verge of a breakthrough in

treating a debilitating disease that affects more than million americans

"Energy Drinks"

7/21

Think twice before grabbing your morning caffeine boost. Doctors say.caffeine poisoning is on the rise.

"Jalapeno Salmonella"

7/22

The culprit of a national salmonella outbreak that has sickened more than a thousand people, long thought to be tomatoes is most likely: peppers.

"Simsbury Sick Milk"

7/22

The state department of Agriculture says as many as four people may have gotten sick from unpasturized milk bought from the Town Farm Dairy in Simsbury.

"Team Hole in the Wall"

7/23

Again this year some athletes in Connecticut and around the nation are using their skills to help out some kids fighting big health problems.

"We're all fat"

7/29

Researchers are painting a grim picture for Americans if we don't watch the scales. Right now..two-thirds of Americans are considered overweight or obese.

"Dunkin' Healthy?"

7/30

America will soon be running a little lighter on Dunkin. The Massachusetts-based coffee and donut chain is hoping to entice the health conscious.

"Pregnancy and Diabetes"

7/30

Alarming results from a new study on pregnant women and diabetes. Researchers say babies born to women with diabetes are at an increased risk for birth defects.

3. Education

"Summer School Programs"

7/1

Many school districts in the state have cut out summer school as a cost-cutting measure but at least one district has been expanding what they offer.

"Half Moon"

7/1

A historic tall ship is making its way up the Connecticut River from New London to East Hartford with a crew of students.

"Summer Programs"

7/1

A program in New Haven is keeping kids off the streets and out of trouble.

"Solar Races"

7/3

Students involved with "Connecticut Kids Fueling The Future Camp" merged on Bailey Middle School in West Haven today. Seventy-two solar powered cars built by the kids were put to the test on a track to see which one is fastest.

"Norwich Free Lunches"

7/7

One summer program in Norwich is aimed at keeping children from going hungry. The summer lunch program gives out six hundred lunches 'every day' at several sites around the city.

"Teacher Sentenced"

7/8

A judge has sentenced a former Glastonbury High School teacher to two years probation for having sex with a student.

"Howard Stern Teacher"

7/8

A former Southington teacher is suing school officials and the union... claiming she was forced to resign. Marie Jarry spoke exclusively to News Channel in May after she took a paid sick day to appear on the Howard Stern Show.

"Yale Prodigy Booted"

7/9

We met Annabel Osberg on a park bench to talk to this painting prodigy about her expulsion from Yale University. Expelled after a year of paintings and paying full tuition.

"Connecticut Young Writer"

7/10

She just graduated High School and already is an author of three novels.

"Milford Breathalyzers?"

7/11

Another Connecticut community considers using breathalyzers on students. According to the Connecticut Post. The Superintendent of Milford public schools wants the Board of Education to adopt a policy on breathalyzers.

"CAPT Test Scores"

7/15

Just how well are Connecticut's high school students doing? And what areas do they need more work on? Those are some of the questions that will be answered today when the state releases this year's CAPT scores.

"Graduation Rates"

7/15

When New Haven graduated over a 1000-students for the first time a few weeks ago, School Superintendent Dr. Reginald Mayo was more than happy to talk to us boasting proudly.

"School Lunches"

7/20

Food prices are also on the rise so school districts are bracing for big bills when it comes to putting lunch on the tray.

"Back to School"

7/29

While many kids are enjoying their summer break... many parents are already thinking about "back to school" season.

4. Consumer/Crime

"Hartford Stolen Copper"

7/1

A copper caper is under investigation in Hartford. Hundreds of pounds of the metal was swiped from the Stanley Rockwell Company.

"Stolen Diesel"

7/22

Of course this crime is costing not just the town but the taxpayers in Lyme. We asked what the town's going to do make sure this doesn't happen again.

5. Crime

"Norwalk Angels"

7/1

The Guardian Angels are already on the streets in New Haven. Now Norwalk hopes to set up its own chapter.

"New Haven Crime Stats"

7/1

New Haven will release its crime statistics for the city this morning. They're expected to report fewer shootings... but more murders than at this time last year.

"Hawke Cheshire Reax"

7/1

It's the crime that turned a nation's eyes to Cheshire, Connecticut-- A mother and her two daughters brutally killed in a home invasion. Tonight...the parents of Jennifer Hawke-Petit are talking about the way which the Cheshire Police Department handled the case.

"Madison Jewelry Store"

7/1

Madison police tell us tonight... still no luck finding two suspects in a robbery at a local jewelry store.

"5 Headlines"

7/2

We are live in Madison where police are searching for suspects in an armed jewelry store hold-up. Plus there could be a new lead in the 1999 murder of a Yale student.

"Meriden Stabbing"

7/8

Developing news out of Meriden. Police are looking for the teen they say stabbed another in the back.

"JonBenet Follow"

7/10

The crime shocked the nation and has baffled investigators for 12 years. But, now that JonBenet Ramsey's parents are cleared in her murder, investigators have an even bigger mystery on their hands.

"NHPD Top Cop"

7/14

A new top cop takes over in New Haven today. As many in the community say they've got some ideas on how to cut crime in the city.

"North Carolina Death Arrest"

7/14

The marine husband of a missing army soldier is now charged with her murder.

"Jovin Email"

7/17

Yale student Suzanne Jovin was stabbed to death in December of 19-98. Police say she sent an email to a friend just an hour before her death.

"Bloomfield Corpse"

7/17

Breaking news out of bloomfield. Police are on the scene right now at a cemetery where a corpse has been stolen from a mausoleum dating back to the 1930's.

"Long Island Shooting"

7/18

A work place on Long Island becomes a crime scene. Police say... a man shot and killed his ex-girlfriend at an office in Bohemia.

"Reil Sex Offender"

7/24

For the first time, Connecticut's sex offender registry has topped five-thousand names.

"Tip Texting"

7/28

Text messaging...as a crime fighting tool? That's the hope from state police and some local departments. They are unveiling a system that would allow people to text message anonymous tips in a first-of-its-kind program.

"Honeymoon Murder"

7/29

The relaxing Island of Antigua has been turned upside down... by a shooting at a resort. A husband and wife on their honeymoon... were shot as they slept.

6. Transportation

"Georgia Airports Guns Flap"

7/1

Gun rights advocates are causing quite a stir at our nation's busiest airport. In question; whether a new Georgia law allows visitors to carry firearms at the Atlanta International Airport.

"Shoreline East Weekend"

7/5

People living on the shoreline now have more options when it comes to weekend travel. Shoreline East introduced its expanded service which now includes regular service on the weekends.

"Connecticut No Helmet Law"

7/7

There are more and more motorcycles on the road and it seems there have been more fatal crashes. The latest: two riders killed last night on I-91 in rocky hill has Governor Jodi Rell saying it's time to reconsider a mandatory helmet law.

"Obama Plane Probs"

7/7

The National Transportation Safety Board is investigating a problem that occurred on Barack Obama's plane today.

"Connecticut Free Ride"

7/14

Looking for some relief from high gas prices the state is offering a free ride. Governor Rell is reminding people about a program that lets you try Connecticut's mass transit system for free.

"Q Bridge Safety"

7/24

The state calls it an 'emergency' saying the Pearl Harbor Memorial Bridge in New Haven is in need of repairs.

"Brooklyn Accident"

7/30

We want to update you on Breaking News out of Brooklyn. That's where a car and a mini-van have collided head-on.

7. Environment

"Milk Jug Makeover"

7/1

It happened at Superior Dairy in Canton, Ohio. Looking to curb costs experts decided it was time to give the milk jug a serious make-over.

"Olympics China"

7/8

With one month to go before the games begin China is working non-stop to get ready for the Olympics. But the communist government is running into issues having to do with the environment and the world media.

"G8 Summit"

7/8

World leaders at the G8 summit are tackling the issue of climate control today.

"Clean Air Ruling"

7/11

A federal appeal court has overturned an air pollution rule that affects Connecticut. The Appeals Court says the Clean Air Interstate Rule has several flaws.

"Bush Offshore Drilling"

7/14

President George Bush has lifted an executive order banning offshore drilling. But the law barring offshore drilling remains in effect.

"Pellet Stoves"

7/15

It may be mid summer, but Dave Kosciuk is already planning for the heart of winter. Dave is weighing the costs of installing a pellet stove in his home as a way to save money.

"Missouri Pink Water"

7/15

Would you drink pink water? People in one town have been forced to. Water in Morehouse, Missouri has been pink -- sometimes even brown -- for several months.

"Olympic Cleanup"

7/20

The only color more important to China than gold at the Olympics is blue. Blue skies. Beijing's epic smog has endurance athletes worried about their health and performance.

"Waterbury Power Protest"

7/22

FirstLight Power Resources is making its case for why a power plant makes

sense in this Waterbury neighborhood.

"Wait 'til Eight"

7/26

We're all looking for ways to be more energy efficient, not only because it can help us save money but because it's good for the environment. All you really have to do is join the wait til eight campaign.

"Sound Health"

7/27

Environmental agency officials say since the Sound is improving it's important to continue investing in it so it will continue the upward trend.

"Connecticut Beaches"

7/30

Beaches in Connecticut are getting cleaner... but there's still work to do.

8. Local

"Restaurant Business"

7/2

Warm weather has businesses booming along the shoreline in West Haven. Restaurants say as people flock to the beach... they pack nearby restaurants when they're looking for a bite to eat.

"Read On The Green"

7/2

Bring a blanket and a book and join hundreds of others as they start the Summer off reading.

"Farmer's Market"

7/5

It's a rebirth of sorts for the Milford Farmer's Market. Formally held at Walnut Beach, that weekday setup has been replaced by a Saturday morning/midday marketplace that really cuts down the locals commute.

"Norwalk Jazz"

7/8

Norwalk will be the spot for jazz lovers this weekend. Veteran's Memorial Park plays host to the Norwalk jazz festival this Saturday at noon.

"Sail Fest"

7/11

*High gas prices could have an impact on New London's biggest outdoor event of the year. Hundreds of thousands of people *usually* pack the streets*

*for the three day waterfront festival known as "SailFest." Some say the rising gas prices will actually be *good for Sailfest because more people are staying closer to home these days.*

"Hartford Jazz Fest"

7/18

Think a little heat and humidity is keeping jazz fans away in Hartford? Think again.

"New Haven All American City"

7/18

New Haven has been named an 'All American City' for the fourth time. The programs which are showcased include CitySeed the Street Outreach Program and the Elm City Resident Card.

"Berry Festival"

7/19

A celebration of summer goodness in Middlefield today. Lyman Orchards 8th annual Berry Festival began with a berry-filled breakfast.

"Bike/ East Rock"

7/19

Today's heat didn't stop folks from heading out to East Rock Park. It was a day of family fun at the new haven park where they held a number of biking events including a ride to the summit.

"Fish Tales, Tugs and Sails"

7/20

If you've got kids and you are trying to foster their love affair with books New London is the place to be this weekend.

"Camp On The Green"

7/22

They're camping on the New Haven green - but no tent is required. This week starts the Sports Camp on the Green.

"New Haven West Nile"

7/29

The Elm City trying to help people protect themselves against West Nile.

"Mohegan New Tenant"

7/31

A New Haven favorite heads to Mohegan Sun Casino. The local eatery deals out a slice of pie made famous in the city.

"Gathering of Vibes"

7/31

A trend has been going on lately... to get tourists visiting all of what Connecticut has to offer. A big music festival kicks off today in Bridgeport that has the city doing all it can to attract people.

9. Women's Issues

"Women Retiring Poor"

7/9

NEW YORK (AP) -- A new study finds women invest more conservatively than men, start saving later and are more likely to be in and out of the work force for family reasons.

"Young Women Melanoma"

7/10

New concerns tonight for young women who love the sun.

"Self Breast Exams"

7/16

Disturbing news tonight for women. A controversial 'new' study says -- self-breast exams may not reduce our risk of dying from breast cancer.

"Mammograms"

7/22

Mammograms are an important tool in the fight against breast cancer but about 30 percent of women don't get them.

"Connecticut Twin Births"

7/24

'Double' bundles of joy appear to be more common here in Connecticut. Our state -- along with Massachusetts -- have a 25 percent higher rate of twin births than the rest of the country.

"Texas Billion Dollar Cure"

7/28

A big chunk of change is waiting for someone who answers a Texas man's challenge. But what he's asking is a tall order 'in-deed'. He is offering a billion dollars to anyone who discovers a cure for breast cancer.

"Pregnancy and Diabetes"

7/30

Alarming results from a new study on pregnant women and diabetes. Researchers say -- babies born to women with diabetes -- are at an

increased risk for birth defects.

August 2008

1. Diversity

“Harvard Racial Issues”

8/28

Racial profiling is being investigated on the campus of one of the nation's most prestigious universities.

2. Health

“Plastic Baby Bottles”

8/4

The chemical BPA has been linked to possible health risks for children.

“Ragweed”

8/6

If you suffer from ragweed allergy make sure you have plenty of tissues 'nearby'. It turns out ragweed is even worse this season due to global warming.

“Dirty Restaurants”

8/8

Most Americans eat out at least five times a week... and a new study finds that every time... you could be putting your health at risk.

“Charter Oak”

8/9

Five more hospitals have signed onto the new Charter Oak Health. They are Yale-New Haven, Bridgeport, Greenwich, Saint Francis Care in Hartford and the University of Connecticut Health Center/John Dempsey Hospital.

“Running & Aging”

8/12

If you want to live a long and healthy life... then you might want to take up running.

“Skin Moisturizers”

8/14

Can your moisturizing cream increase your risk for skin cancer? A new study using mice suggests that common moisturizers increased the size and

number of their skin tumors.

"Red Bull causing Heart attacks"

8/15

A can of Red Bull may give you an added jolt, but is it also damaging your heart? A small study out of Australia suggests drinking just one can raise the risk of blood clots forming.

"Ear Infections"

8/15

If you're prone to ear infections, you could have a higher risk of obesity.

"Cardio Tennis"

8/16

If you're trying to shed a few pounds, you may want to take a swing at a new workout. Cardio tennis is a low impact workout -- that's growing in popularity.

"Obesity Rates"

8/19

Good news for the health of Connecticut... in the ranking of most obese states in the Union... our state ranks all the way at 49-th.

"Waterbury Heart Center"

8/20

The Heart Center of Greater Waterbury is used to saving lives... but tonight people are trying to save it from the chopping block.

"HPV Vaccine"

8/20

A new report shows the vaccine aimed at preventing cervical cancer is most cost-effective when given to young teens.

"Kids Smoking and Movies"

8/21

When movie stars light up cigarettes on screen... our children follow suit. That's according to a new report from the National Cancer Institute.

"Cancer Risk"

8/26

There's new cancer research -- with troubling results for skin cancer survivors. They appear to have an increased risk for developing a secondary cancer elsewhere in the body.

"Cancer Cluster"

8/27

Government officials are confirming a cancer cluster in Pennsylvania.

"Premature Babies"

8/28

Medical researchers are reporting a breakthrough in reducing the risk of cerebral palsy -- with an amazingly simple treatment.

"West Nile Death"

8/29

A New York City man is dead... and health officials are trying to determine if the West Nile Virus is to blame.

"Strokes & Treadmills"

8/30

Stroke victims who walk on a treadmill... can help improve their health and mobility.

"Rell/Charter Oak"

8/30

Governor Jodi Rell says 13 community health centers are now signed up as health care providers in the state's Charter Oak Health Care Plan network.

"Waterbury Heart Center"

8/30

The Heart Center of Greater Waterbury will stay open.. for at least the next six months.

3. Education

"Teacher Shortage"

8/11

It's not only firefighters, but teachers that seem to be in high demand these days.

"Echo Tournament"

8/20

A new program in Bridgeport is encouraging kids to take what they learn on the field and apply it to their lives off the field.

"College Insurance"

8/20

If you're heading off to college soon... or helping someone get ready for it... there may be some things missing from your checklist.

"CT Golf Tournament"

8/20

It was certainly a good day to tee-off for charity at the first annual Connecticut Sun Golf Tournament in Baltic. Money raised will benefit the Connecticut Sun Foundation which gives scholarships to high school seniors.

"University Enrollment"

8/21

The University of New Haven isn't the only school experiencing a boom in enrollments.

"College Rankings"

8/22

Yale continues to get high marks on the U-S News and World Report.

"Yale Student Shot"

8/23

We're learning more about the Yale student shot in the hand this week.. by a purse snatcher.

"Hartford School open"

8/25

Big changes this year in Hartford where today was the first day of the new school year. This year students will see several new academies including... the 52 million dollar "Sport and Medical Sciences Academy."

"SCSU Safety"

8/26

As college students head back to school, the thought of a crisis on campus is a nightmare for any parent...student...or school administrator.

"School debate"

8/27

Should the state mandate one day the same day for all public schools to re-open in the fall?

"Uconn Student Death"

8/28

A UConn student found dead in a New Haven apartment is remembered on campus.

4. Consumer/Crime

"Identity Theft"

8/6

They are among the best known names in American retail: Barnes and Noble, T.J. Maxx, and Sports Authority. They are also just some of the victims of a massive identity theft ring, in which tens of millions of credit and debit card numbers were compromised.

"New Haven Going After 'Johns'"

8/7

Will the shame of 'public exposure' reduce prostitution in New Haven? The city new police chief is thinking about publishing the names and towns of those arrested paying for sex.

"Gas Grill Update"

8/8

The makers of the Broil King Signet 90 voluntarily recalled the grill and came out with that retrofit-kit after the grill melted during Consumer Reports' tests. Is this new kit the answer? We take a look.

"Cady Oil Refunds"

8/15

Cady Oil customers will be getting some money back. This comes after an investigation by the Department of Consumer Protection. It says the Colchester company under-filled tanks and failed to make deliveries to its customers.

"Stop & Shop Fine"

8/18

The Stop-and-Shop Pharmacy in Groton is paying the price for selling 'expired' medicines.

"Check Scams"

8/25

A check cashing scam has ripped off three banks... and police are looking for two dozen suspects.

5. Crime

"Homicide Reaction"

8/2

A 21 year old shot and killed on the neighborhood streets he grew up on, stuns an entire community.

"CO/CT Cold Case Plea"

8/7

Nearly 11 years after the crime a man accused for killing a Stamford woman

is set to enter a plea next month.

"Beijing Attack"

8/9

A brutal assault on two Americans cast a shadow over Beijing today, as the summer games got underway. Todd and Barbara Backman, the parents of a former U.S. Olympian and the in-laws of the current men's volleyball coach, were visiting a popular tourist site when a knife-wielding Chinese man charged the couple and their tour guide.

"Westbrook Body"

8/10

A gruesome scene in the water in Westbrook. 9-1-1 calls came in this morning, reporting a body in the water at the Pilot Point Marina in Westbrook.

"Hartford Violence"

8/11

A weekend of gun violence in the Capitol City has prompted strong public safety measures from the Mayor. Eleven people shot in three separate incidents.

"Smolinski Search"

8/12

Investigators in Seymour are digging for clues hoping to find answers in the disappearance of a Waterbury man.

"Enfield Body/Peoples"

8/12

Police are now confirming that the body found in an Enfield apartment is a woman reported missing last week. Enfield Police say it appears someone strangled 22-year-old Ashley Peoples.

"Enfield Crenshaw"

8/12

Hartford police are searching for a man suspected of kidnapping and killing his ex-girlfriend. An arrest warrant has been issued for 25-year-old Darryl Crenshaw.

"Small Town Burglaries"

8/14

Normally one benefit of small town living is a lower crime rate. But police are investigating a burglary spree spanning eight small towns in Eastern Connecticut.

"Tillman Records"

8/18

Prison records for a man who spent 18 years incarcerated for a crime he did not commit will remain sealed.

"Oregon Crime Spree"

8/20

In Oregon police are searching for four suspects who went on a wild crime spree--attacking and stealing from random people.

"Manchester Home Invasion"

8/20

The search continues tonight for two suspects in a home invasion in Manchester.

"New Haven Body in House"

8/21

It was like the opening scene of a crime drama a man entered this house at 353 Poplar Street and finds another dead on the living room floor.

"Yale Student Shot"

8/22

A young woman from Russia is shot in the hand while being mugged on this corner in East Rock. She had just arrived in New Haven and was moving into her apartment preparing to enter Yale as a graduate student.

"Oklahoma Several Wounded"

8/24

Six people are wounded in a drive-by shooting in Oklahoma City.

"Old Saybrook Body"

8/26

Another dead body has been found inside of a home. This one in Old Saybrook. Tonight police are asking for the public's help in solving the crime.

"UConn Student Killed"

8/26

Vladmir Voinov had a reputation of being an outspoken student on the UConn campus classmates now hearing about his murder are in disbelief.

6. Transportation

"Shoreline East"

8/1

There's a call going out this morning for more frequent and reliable train service between New Haven and New London.

"Plane Emergency Landing"

8/3

Quick thinking by a Connecticut pilot may have saved his life and others.

"Rest Stop Renovations"

8/4

Some Connecticut highway rest stops are about to be spruced up.

"TSA Computer Missing"

8/5

A laptop with the personal data of thousands of people on it is missing. The Transportation Security Administration says it contained the information of 33-thousand applicants to an airport security pre-screening program.

"Angel Flight Crash"

8/12

It was the tragic end to a mission of mercy. An "angel flight" crashed today on its way from Long Island to Massachusetts.

"Gas/Driver Changes"

8/13

Sky-high gas prices this summer are fueling a change in the way Americans drive. Across the country, people drove 12-billion fewer miles this past June than in June of 2007.

"Plane Crash"

8/13

The National Transportation Safety Board is expected to begin a probe today... into what caused a Massachusetts plane crash that killed a Connecticut pilot.

"DOT Trees/Neighbors"

8/25

Highway noise is still a nuisance for residents of a New Haven neighborhood.

"Airlines/Near Collision"

8/29

There are reports about a near mid-air collision that happened this week. Federal authorities say two airliners were a minute away from colliding when they turned away from each other over the Caribbean.

7. Environment

“Hydrogen Car”

8/2

Let's face it the days of depending on foreign oil are coming to an end. Some solutions may take some time others are right around the corner.

“Hybrid Taxi”

8/4

There are only a few hybrid taxis in the state but News Channel 8 was able to catch a ride with one of them in West Haven.

“Turtle Cam”

8/5

Some Hartford teens are spending the summer learning about the environment by study turtles.

“Firewood Boom”

8/10

Solar panels, hydrogen, corn oil fire wood? People are seeking alternative fuel and with home heating oil almost five dollars a gallon homeowners are trying anything to save a buck and the newest trend is toward the oldest form of fuel on the planet and firewood sellers like Medlyn's Farm.

“Oil Diesel Fruit”

8/11

Some are banking that fruit will fuel the next break-through in America's dependence on diesel. Farmers who grow oranges are now seeing green.

“Natural Gas Car”

8/22

A car that's better for the environment and runs on the equivalent of paying 2 dollars a gallon for gas.

8. Local

“Gospel Fest”

8/6

Tonight several local church leaders plan to hold a gathering to talk about violence in the Newhallville area of New Haven.

“Farmer Markets”

8/7

Whether its high prices at the grocery store or just an effort to support the local economy, Connecticut's farmer's markets are booming.

“Powder Ridge”

8/11

Vandalism at the Powder Ridge Ski area has the owner calling for more help from local authorities.

“Prostitution Sting”

8/16

Now to an undercover prostitution sting in New Haven police arrested more than a dozen people.

“Angels in Fair Haven”

8/18

In an effort to help "reduce crime"... the Guardian Angels are now on patrol in another New Haven neighborhood.

“Branford YMCA”

8/19

Construction is set to begin... on a new Y-M-C-A facility along the shoreline.

“Little League”

8/21

A group of little leaguers in New Haven wants to know why they are being benched for the rest of the season.

“Pilot Pen Tournament”

8/21

Plenty of tennis action heating up the courts today in New Haven.

“Dr. Mel’s baseball game”

8/23

NewsChannel Eight's Dr. Mel also took to the mound tonight. Dr. Mel threw out the ceremonial first pitch at the New Britain Rock Cats game.

“Local Red Cross Volunteers”

8/28

Some Connecticut Red Cross volunteers are heading to the gulf coast, where preparations for Gustav are already underway.

“Firefighters Honored”

8/28

Some local Firefighters who battled a huge apartment complex fire were honored today.

“Lyman Orchards Corn Maize

8/30

If you're looking for something to do this weekend you can go and get lost in this maze! Lyman Orchards Fall Corn Maze is now open for the season.

9. Woman's Issues

"Bringing home the baby"

8/1

So you think you have the second baby itch or maybe you're trying to get pregnant or are pregnant now with number two. You should know there's a lot more to having a second baby than bringing second baby home.

"Yale School of Medicine"

8/2

*It's been called the "Silent Killer" because up until now if a woman was diagnosed with Ovarian Cancer, it was usually too late. But now, doctors at the Yale School of Medicine have developed a blood test that can detect early stage ovarian cancer in women with *99-percent accuracy.*

"Women Smokers"

8/15

Stroke in young women is rare but can have devastating results.

"Mommy Boot Camp"

8/19

While you get ready for work in the mornings... some moms in Seattle, Washington are in boot camp.

"Breast Cancer Risk"

8/25

There's new information about the risk factors for breast cancer. Age and family history are at the forefront but new research suggests less obvious risks are determined early.

"Oprah Winfrey"

8/29

Once again Oprah Winfrey makes "Forbes" magazines list of the 100 most powerful women in the world.

"CT Women"

8/30

Sometimes events in our lives shape who we will become without realizing it... and for many women, holding fast to dreams and trying to juggle motherhood can be difficult.

"Baby Shower"

8/31

Every year --millions of women attend baby showers....but they never really know what to bring the parents to be.

September 2008

1. Diversity

"Dogs Married in India"

9/1

You don't see this everyday dogs getting married. A ceremony was held this weekend in India .for some special pooches.

"Williams Case Closed"

9/3

Closed: that's what police in Plainfield say about the case of an African-American teenager who says he was assaulted by a group of white people.

"Tease Four"

9/4

We're back in the kitchen with a Spanish influence on a classic shellfish dish. James O'Shea is back from the West Street Grill in Litchfield.

"Stevie Wonder Award"

9/4

And speaking of dapper men Stevie Wonder is being honored by the Library of Congress.

"New Haven Back to School"

9/4

This was the first day of the new school year for thousands of public school students in New Haven. And some arrived to find brand new buildings. Among them the new 38-point five million dollar Christopher Columbus school in the Fair Haven neighborhood. The building features state of the art facilities and is geared to serve the community's large Spanish speaking population.

"Hanna Preps"

9/5

Some consider Hanna only a dress rehearsal for Ike. But Hannah--a tropical storm--has already been blamed for more than 135 deaths in Haiti and leaving tens of thousands homeless in the Dominican Republic.

"Men of Color"

9/17

This Saturday marks the end of a decade long journey. A memorial will be dedicated to Connecticut's 29th Colored Regiment C.V. Infantry -- underscoring its contribution to the Civil War.

"Buddhist Monks/ Choate"

9/19

Some visiting Tibetan monks are spending the week at Choate Rosemary Hall working on the most delicate of projects.

2. Health

"Exercise and Memory"

9/2

In health news tonight another reason to stay active... no matter how old you are. Recent studies are showing that exercise can help keep our memories 'in tact'.

"Vytorin and Cancer"

9/2

*The results of three studies of the cholesterol-lowering drug 'Vytorin' are not enough to prove *or* rule out a possible link to a higher risk of cancer.*

"Children and Pills"

9/2

To small children-- prescription pills can look like candy... but eating the drugs can do serious harm to their bodies.

"Kidney Deportation"

9/2

A New Britain woman watches and waits... to learn whether she will get life-saving surgery. Her health depends on whether her husband will be allowed to stay in the United States.

"Kids and Fitness"

9/3

Gyms these days are becoming kid-friendly. Smaller equipment and age-appropriate classes are getting the younger set off the couch.

"UConn Ecoli Water"

9/4

UConn students living in an off campus complex still cannot drink the water tonight.

"FDA Medication"

9/5

The government is using the 'web' to improve communication with doctors and patients on the safety of prescription drugs.

"Colon Cancer Folos"

9/8

Topping Health News, New research shows people treated for colon cancer are not getting their recommended follow up tests.

"Lung Cancer"

9/9

Topping health news lung cancer its the number one killer of men and women in this country, but a new study shows women are not more susceptible to it than men.

"Flu Season"

9/10

Flu season may be the last thing on your mind right about now but health officials are already gearing up to help you avoid getting sick this winter.

"SIDS Study"

9/11

A possible breakthrough in the effort to explain 'SIDS'. About 25-hundred babies die every year in the U-S from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

"Alzheimers Drug Trial"

9/11

Topping health news .. a possible breakthrough in Alzheimer's research. Researchers across the country and Canada are studying a drug that could slow the progression of the disease in patients. Yale is one of 200 study sites.

"Boston Trans Fat Ban"

9/12

Fatty fried food in Boston will soon be missing one tasty ingredient trans fats.

"Mediterranean Diet"

9/12

Topping health news -- the so called Mediterranean diet. It's rich in fruits, vegetables, olive oils and fish.

"Cancer Vaccine"

9/13

Topping health news this morning. Gardasil can now be used to prevent vaginal and vulvar cancer.. caused by the Human Papilloma virus.

"Plastic Containers"

9/15

In health news the Food and Drug Administration will reopen the debate this week on the safety of plastic products, including baby bottles containing B-P-A.

"China Tainted Formula"

9/15

The health crisis over tainted milk in China is getting worse. As of today, more than 12-hundred infants have gotten sick after drinking milk powder spiked with the industrial chemical, melamine.

"Alabama Obesity Charges"

9/17

People in one state may have to start paying up if they're overweight. In Alabama a new plan would force employees to pay insurance premiums if they don't take steps to get healthier.

"Genetic Engineered"

9/18

The F-D-A says it will start to consider proposals to introduce 'genetically engineered animals' into the food supply.

"Tylenol and Children"

9/19

When babies run a high fever--- most pediatricians recommend children's Tylenol or a similiar product containing Acetaminophen, but now a new study links Acetaminophen to an increased risk of childhood illnesses like asthma.

3. Education

"Back to School"

9/2

Teen abstinence. It's a real issue for many students who are returning to class this week.

"Jodi School Series"

9/3

In our back to school series this morning the focus is on tenth graders who are tested every year to see how well they are doing, or not doing in school.

"Back to School/ Tests"

9/3

How did New Haven rank among the other big cities in the state? In Reading New Haven came in second behind Middletown. And in Writing New Haven came in second behind New London.

"Middletown Buses"

9/3

Proposed cuts to bus routes have Some Middletown parents speaking out. Some High Schoolers may have to walk up to two miles-- along Newfield street which parents say is busy and has no sidewalks.

"Healthy Lunches"

9/3

Americans are alarmingly overweight, and kids are of particular concern. The number of overweight children has gone up as much as 10 percent over the last few decades -- so a healthy school lunch is more important than ever and we help you pack one your kids will actually want to eat.

"Musical Instruments"

9/4

A lot of Connecticut kids are will be coming home during this first week or two of school ready to try a shot at band or orchestra and a musical instrument. Most kids rent instruments as they try them out but is there a better way to save some money.

"Milford Breathalyzers"

9/9

New this morning another Connecticut school district will start using breathalyzers.

"Waterbury School Management"

9/9

Parents and teachers will have a lot more say in students' education at two Waterbury schools.

"Wrong School Bus"

9/9

A first grader on the wrong school bus gets driven to the wrong town.

"Connecticut Education Standard"

9/10

More and more schools in Connecticut are failing to meet federal standards... laid out in the 'no child left behind' act.

"Waterbury Building Collapse"

9/10

Some parents of kids at a Waterbury Elementary school have been complaining to the city about a building near the school that appears near collapse. Now the city is acting.

"Bridgeport Gun in School"

9/16

What should be done about a child who allegedly brought a gun to school. hat's what authorities in Bridgeport are trying to figure out tonight.

"New Haven Job Cuts"

9/19

Nearly three dozen New Haven city workers expected to get pink slips today. The city announced the cuts earlier this week part of plan to fill a six million dollar budget hole 28 city workers will be let go as well as seven employees at the Board of Education.

4. Consumer/Crime

"Contractor Scam"

9/1

Restitution from a convicted scam artist saved a Thomaston business from bankruptcy. Now that business could be in jeopardy again.

"Galante 7 Years"

9/4

Sevens years in prison for a trash hauler, busted for racketeering.

"Connecticut Casino Scam"

9/5

Connecticut state police have arrested a Tennessee man on charges of conspiring to run a betting scam with casino dealers.

"Foxwoods Cheating"

9/9

A former Foxwoods Casino dealer faces new charges -- as part of an investigation into an alleged cheating scam. Dealer Mattie Tarlton-- is accused of overpaying players nearly 60-thousand dollars during shifts in November and December of last year.

"Countrywide Breach"

9/11

Thousands of Connecticut customers of Countrywide Financial may be at risk of identity theft.

"Former Prosecutor Sentenced"

9/17

A former Milford prosecutor was sentenced to 22 months in prison today for embezzling more than 50-thousand dollars. The money had been earmarked for crime victims and charity. L-Mark Hurley also stole nearly 30-thousand dollars from the state prosecutors' union for which he was treasurer.

"Superbowl Scam"

9/19

North Haven police say they've caught. The man behind a superbowl ticket scam but he says its a case of mistaken identity. James Nuzzo allegedly conned 19 of his coworkers at Auto Parts International into buying super bowl tickets that did not exist to the tune of nearly 35-hundred dollars.

5. Crime

"West Haven Carjacking"

9/1

A New Haven firefighter loses more than his vehicle in a carjacking. It happened in West Haven this morning, as he was heading home.

"Child Shot/ Family Speaks"

9/2

The parents of a Jewett City toddler who died last week from an accidental gunshot wound to the head are speaking out and thanking the community.

"New Fairfield Bank Robbery"

9/2

A bank robbery in New Fairfield leaves employees locked in a vault and police-- searching for suspects.

"Guilford Bank Robbery"

9/4

In Guilford the Bank of America on the Boston Post Road was robbed this morning. It happend right after the bank opened its doors.

"Windsor Bank Robbery"

9/6

Windsor Police are looking for a man wanted in a bank robbery. The robbery happened this morning at the New Alliance Bank on Poquonock Avenue in Winsdor.

"Cromwell Robbery"

9/7

Cromwell police are investigating a bank robbery at the People's Bank in the

Super Stop And Shop on West Street.

"UConn Sex Assault"

9/8

During the day there are plenty of people and cars coming in and out of this complex but at two in the morning this victim would have been virtually alone. Still police say they are following leads in this attack.

"Sausage Attack"

9/8

A man accused of an unusual robbery is now under arrest. Police say a 22-year-old man broke into a Fresno, California home on Saturday morning. They say he rubbed one of the homeowners with spices and whacked the other with a sausage before taking off with some money.

"Fairfield Robbery"

9/8

Police are looking for suspects in a jewelry store robbery in Fairfield.

"Stratford Bank Robbery"

9/9

Three bank robbery suspects didn't get very far in Stratford today. The Merritt Federal Credit Union on South Avenue was held up around 10:30 this morning. Police say they got a robbery alarm, and had officers in the area before the three young men were able to run very far.

"New Haven Officer Killed"

9/10

We begin with breaking news. One New Haven Police Officer is dead, another lies in critical condition.

"Stamford Body Found"

9/10

Police in Stamford have identified the body of a man found this morning. Chopper 8 was above the crime scene on Garden Street.

"Prospect Burglaries"

9/16

Neighbors call it a burglary boom and they're concerned. A homeowner from Prospect contacted News Channel 8 after his home was broken into but he wasn't the only one with the same problem.

"QU Acts of Hatred"

9/16

Quinnipiac University is being short on facts regarding a memo that has been sent out to students. It mentions hateful acts but the letter is so generic, it's

difficult for students to know exactly what happened.

"Garden Ravaged Farmington"

9/17

They tended to it all summer long only to see it stripped bare. Crooks have ravaged a community garden making off with the produce.

"Crime Billboards"

9/18

Look for a different kind of advertising on state highway billboards. The state has teamed up with owners of the digital billboards to display pictures and information of fugitives wanted by the law.

6. Transportation

"Branford Hit and Run"

9/3

A man from Naugatuck is under arrest in a hit and run in Branford that left a bicyclist severely injured.

"Ferry Collision Folo"

9/5

The officer in control of the Coast Guard cutter that collided with a Block Island ferry in July will stay on the job following an investigation.

"Norwich Fatal Accident"

9/6

A bizarre accident in norwich claims the life of a passenger in a dodge caravan. State police tell news channel 8 a rear-seat passenger got out of the mini-van while it was moving.

"Hot Air Balloon Crash"

9/8

Investigators think they know what caused a deadly hot air balloon accident near Philadelphia.

"New Haven Police Department Fatal Crash"

9/10

We're following breaking news in New Haven this morning. The police department is mourning the loss of one of their own.

"Ferry Street Bridge"

9/13

It was closed for nearly six years but tonight drivers are again crossing the Ferry Street Bridge in New Haven.

"Train Collision"

9/14

Authorities in Southern California say the death toll from Friday's train collision now stands at 25 -- with more than 130 injured. It's being called the nation's deadliest rail disaster in 15-years.

"Train Collision Folo"

9/14

Covering the nation Federal investigators are down playing a report that the engineer of a wrecked California commuter train exchanged a text message shortly before the crash.

"Biker Hit in West Haven"

9/15

A bicyclist is hospitalized after being stuck by a driver in West Haven.

"Morning Accident"

9/15

Police are investigating a deadly accident involving a pedestrian along I-91 in North Haven.

"Wallingford Bus Accident"

9/18

*A *fender bender* this afternoon... involving a school bus and truck in Wallingford.*

"West Rock Hit and Run"

9/19

Developing news in New Haven. A principal of a local school is in the hospital the victim of a hit and run driver.

Environment

"U.S. Open Goes Green"

9/7

This year the tennis center is using wind-generated electricity. The napkins at the concession stands are made from 90 percent post consumer waste. Even the hats are of recycled material.

"Greener Business"

9/10

An Essex company is taking big steps in its quest to go green. Today the company is getting a geothermal system put in.

"Green Architects"

9/10

A survey last year showed 47% of businesses adopting green policies. This year that number jumped to 59%. As architects, the folks at Centerbrook have to meet that demand, so they use their building to learn about green techniques.

"Portland Lights"

9/15

A cost-cutting plan in Portland -- that drew a lot of criticism -- has been sidelined. The town considered a plan to turn off hundreds of street lights to save up to \$50-thousand dollars in electricity bills.

"Green Housing Development"

9/17

A new housing development going up in Colchester is 'bucking' the trend. It's being built despite a nationwide home-building slow-down with construction is crawling along at its slowest pace since 1991. What makes this development different is that the houses here are 'green' -- designed to be a energy self-sufficient as possible.

"Offshore Drilling"

9/17

It's a topic that has dominated the 'energy debates' in the presidential campaign and now the battle is going to the Senate.

"Food to Compost"

9/18

It is a commodity to Andy Bozzuto -- who's been in the trash business for 45 years. His company -- Global Environmental Services -- picks up the 'food waste' from schools like Choate, Yale University, and others and takes it to a plant in New Milford where it's 'composted' -- turning the trash into a type of treasure...a nutrient-rich soil favored by 'organic' farmers.

"Green Diapers"

9/18

Parents now have the option of going green when it comes to baby diapers.

8. Local

"A Tasteful Event"

9/7

On Thursday, September 18th --- "A Tasteful Event" will be held in Middlebury. It's a premiere food and wine tasting event with the proceeds

*benefiting *Southbury-Middlebury Youth Services.*

"High School Game of the Week"

9/8

Speaking of high school the season starts in Connecticut this week so does our "Game of the Week." Thursday you can watch Hand of Madison take on New London live on the Internet at WTNH dot com. Game starts at 7.

"Madison Office Court"

9/15

*A former Madison police officer accused of stealing *seafood* from a local restaurant is sentenced to probation.*

"West Hartford Jeopardy"

9/16

A West Hartford native will hopefully have all the right answers on Jeopardy this evening. oni Freund is a graduate of Hall High school. e was actually on the show in 1999 when he was 12.

"Tony Blair at Yale"

9/18

Yale University is getting ready to welcome a former head of state to Connecticut. Former Birtish Prime minister Tony Blair will visit the school tomorrow.

9. Woman's Issues

"Customized Cancer Treatment"

9/5

There are a number of clinical trials underway at Yale Cancer Center including one for 'early stage' breast cancer.

"Customized Cancer Treatment"

9/6

Good Morning Connecticut continues now with health news.. and customized treatments for Breast Cancer.

"Standing Up Cancer Total"

9/8

People around the nation are standing up to colon cancer, breast cancer, and every other type of the disease in a national effort to fight it.

"Drinking and STDs"

9/8

In health news this morning new details about women who drink alcohol, and their risk for sexually transmitted diseases.

"Pelosi/Palin"

9/12

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi says the growing number of women on the ballot like Sarah Palin is good for the country.

"Yoga Mecca"

9/15

*Many people practice yoga for the physical benefits, but tonight News Channel 8's Desiree Fontaine introduces us to woman who says yoga is helping her transform both body *and* soul.*

"Breast Cancer Vaccine"

9/16

In health news this morning. The fight against breast cancer could be getting a boost.

"Flu Shots Pregnant Women"

9/17

For one group most at risk of getting the flu there isn't a vaccine. There is no licenesed vaccine for babies under 6 months old but a new study finds their moms can help.